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Public Affairs Office
U.S. Army Environmental Command
Building E4460
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Attention IIMAE-PA
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the U.S. Army's final Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SPEIS) for Growth and Force Structure Realignment, U.S. Army Pacific (CEQ# 20080284).

This document serves as a supplement to the 2007 final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment which assessed the aligning of Army forces in the continental United States to better implement transformation, Army modularity, and support growing mission requirements of the Army. However, decisions made in the January 2008 Record of Decision for Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment did not include stationing and force structure modification needed to support the mission requirements of the Pacific Theater. The SPEIS for Growth and Force Structure Realignment conducts an analysis of alternatives for supporting the growth, realignment, and transformation of the Army to support operations in the Pacific Theater. EPA expressed no environmental concerns about the proposed action discussed in the draft SPEIS; the FPEIS presents no information that would alter our original position. Accordingly, EPA reiterates that it has no environmental concerns about the proposed action.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this final SPEIS. The staff contact for this review is Candi Schaedle; she can be reached at (202) 564-6121.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Susan E. Bromm", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Susan E. Bromm
Director
Office of Federal Activities